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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on March 31, 2002. This response will be timely if deposited with the United States Postal Service on or before April 21, 2002.

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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

The Applicants elect Group I consisting of claims 1-7, that are directed to a laminate, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully suggest that any search of the laminate itself would necessarily include a search of the process for producing the laminate and articles comprising the laminate. Therefore no additional burden will be placed on the Examiner in searching all the groups, i.e., Groups I-III, together.

A burden will however, be imposed on the public and on applicants if the restriction requirement is maintained. The applicants will be subjected to the costs of prosecuting additional applications, and the public will need to examine several additional patents to be fully informed of the extent of applicants' monopoly, instead of just one.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner does not find it possible to withdraw the restriction requirement, applicants request that upon allowance of a claim drawn to the elected subject matter, the non-elected subject matter be rejoined. It is therefore noted that although the non-elected claims are withdrawn from consideration, they have not been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted



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